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My dear friend -

I intended to write you a line a long time ago in relation to my very dear friend Mrs. Boyle, but for various insufficient reasons, have neglected to do so - Nothing should have prevented my saying to the anti-slavery friends in Boston that Laura Boyle is a most excellent woman but <sup>and diffident</sup> very reserved, that she suffers much among strangers, and one must have a particular acquaintance with her in order to begin to appreciate her - She journeyed with me nearly three months and her suggestions and sympathy were invaluable - Her constitution is frail and

of course she is not qualified  
for much vigorous effort - I think  
she has always been cherished  
like a delicate plant and  
therefore is ill qualified to bear  
up against the rude blasts,  
like some of us, yet I think  
you will find her, like the  
state small voice, accomplishing  
much unknown to the world -  
Such at least has been my ex-  
perience of her character -

Her devotion to the cause of  
reform is of the deepest charac-  
ter - I learn that she will ap-  
propriate all her paternal estate  
(not inconsiderable, but which  
does not revert to her while her  
mother lives) to the support  
of the Liberator and Herald  
of Freedom. I say revert to  
her, for altho' it is thus now by  
law yet her principles on the

question of equal rights do not  
allow her to use any of her father's  
property while her mother lives, ex-  
cept by the gift of her mother —  
I presume, however, that I should  
herself or husband survive her  
mother the property will be convert-  
ed forthwith to the cause of reform.  
One word about D. L. Child — If  
one half be true of him that is  
told in our third party papers,  
such for instance as the letter re-  
cently published in the Hampshire  
Gazette (I think that is the name of the  
paper) then he must leave our  
editorial chairs or we must still  
labor under the distressing weight of  
being whips in disguise, in the minds  
of the great mass of third partyists  
in this State — The good and true  
abolitionists as they are, though if they  
are not rescued from the party  
chains that now bind them, very  
soon, I fear they will become unfit  
for severe and high effort — Will  
you not see what can be done  
about Child?

Should you be able to look

the Abolitionist, now free press or  
Liberty press,  
pay the numbers for the last  
three months, in reference to D.D.

Child, you can learn some of the  
difficulties that stand in the way  
of the American Society's agents among  
these honest minds who read but one  
side - We must avoid all ground  
of imputation upon our high character  
at the polls as elsewhere

In haste -

Yours with cordial  
regards - A. Kelly

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Boston

Received of Dr. Chapman

1842

Abby Kelly  
Chas's Wagon